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5. [ ] Met with Senator John Stennis and briefed him on latest developments regarding Soviet ICBM and ABM programs and asked his advice about briefing Senator Henry M. Jackson. He said Senator Jackson should be fully briefed on these matters.

Senator Stennis asked about the effects within the Executive Branch of his letter to the President regarding Agency involvement in Laos. See Memo for Record.

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6. [ ] Talked to Mr. Richard Barton, Employee Benefits Subcommittee staff of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that the Subcommittee considered the invasion of privacy draft bill this morning but did not complete their considerations. The Committee will again meet on the bill next Tuesday, 21 September. See Memorandum for the Record.

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7. [ ] Talked to Mr. Albert Westphal, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, who told me that the hearings this morning on H. R. 9637, to provide for the establishment of an American Council for Private International Communications (the RFE/RL bill), were uneventful. Discussion was on a rather philosophical note although former Ambassador Gronouski seemed to make the best impression on behalf of the Radios. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

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8. [ ] Met with Mr. Jack Conmy, Press Secretary to Senator Richard Schweiker (R., Pa.), who gave me a copy of the newest epistle dated 7 September from [ ] The Senator's office had also received a previous one dated in August which contained about the same material. No action by the Agency is indicated.

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9. [ ] In followup on an inquiry which was made to us through the Library of Congress by Mr. David Johnson, on the staff of Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass.), I called Mr. Johnson this morning and explained to him that the CIA authors of papers which had been printed in a Joint Economic Committee study on the Soviet economy could really add nothing to what they had already written on the subject of their articles. (Johnson had advised the Library of Congress that Representative Harrington was interested in talking to these two people.) I said that by agreement with the Chairmen of our Agency Subcommittees we did not normally make our people available for questioning for sessions such as he had contemplated.

Mr. Johnson did not press this issue but said he was interested in obtaining an unclassified statement as to why intelligence estimates on Soviet R&D could not be made public. I discussed the matter with him and agreed to talk to him in touch with him on this subject.

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10. [ ] Met with William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and provided him with a copy of the OSR paper on the comparison of the "Backfire" and U.S. B-1 bomber capability. Mr. Woodruff mentioned that, largely because of the insistence of Secretary Laird, selected members of the Appropriations Committee staff (principally Messrs. Tom Scott and T. Farrell Egge, and himself) will be receiving periodic briefings from DIA. Woodruff said he made it clear, however, that if these briefings consisted only of confidential material which could be found in newspapers, they would be discontinued.

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11. [ ] Dr. Allen, D/OER, called to say that Mr. Proctor would like us to contact Mr. Johnson, of Representative Michael Harrington's (D., Mass.) office, and try to dissuade him from contact with the two Agency authors who recently wrote articles which were included in a study published by the Joint Economic Committee. We will contact Mr. Johnson next week. (We discussed Representative Harrington's interest in talking with these employees with Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services staff, who saw no reason why we should make these people available to Harrington.)

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12. [ ] Senator Stuart Symington returned a call I made to him earlier in connection with his 23 August letter to the Director inquiring about a story in the 14 August Guardian by T. D. Allman alleging the Agency was involved in hassles with State and Defense in Cambodia. I told Symington most of this story was pure nonsense and he seemed satisfied.

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Senator Symington said a journalist friend of his is planning a trip to Southeast Asia and he wished to put him in touch with a couple of our people. He said he wanted to write to Ted Shackley and [ ] in this connection and asked for their addresses which I provided.

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13. [ ] Called John Lehman, White House staff, and told him we would like to confer with Defense and OMB regarding the letter from Senator Stennis to the President and asked if they had been included in its distribution. Lehman said he sent copies to Rady Johnson, Stuart French and Fred Buzhardt in Defense so we were free to talk with them about it and he had no objection to our making a copy available to OMB and discuss it with them.

Mr. Lehman said we would probably have an LIG meeting on the subject on Wednesday, 15 September.

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